

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Quaker State

**1 Mile S State Route 2
Newell, WV 26050
Congressional District 1
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Current Progress at the Site

In December 1993 EPA issued Quaker State(QS) a Unilateral Order. The purpose of this Order is to require QS 1) to perform Interim Measures (IM) to prevent or mitigate threats to human health or the environment, 2) to perform a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) to determine fully the nature and extent of any releases of hazardous waste and/or hazardous constituents at or from the Facility; and 3) to perform a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) to identify and evaluate alternatives for corrective action necessary to prevent or mitigate migration or releases of hazardous wastes and/or hazardous constituents at or from the Facility.

QS has completed the Phase 1 RFI and submitted a draft RFI report. EPA and QS meet on October 11, 2001 to discuss the report. On October 19, 2001 EPA issued comments to QS on the draft RFI Report. QS was granted a 30 day extension to response to the EPA comment letter of October 19, 2001. The response is due from QS on December 29, 2001.

EPA has reviewed the RFI report and determined that additional work is needed under the RFI. A letter was issued to Quaker State on March 14, 2002 requesting the submittal of a workplan addendum. Quaker State submitted a Phase II workplan on June 10, 2002. Conditional approval of this workplan was granted on March 4, 2003. Additional comments were submitted by Quaker State on May 2, 2003. EPA and Quaker State have been working to resolve the outstanding issues to allow the phase II work to proceed. Conditional approval of the Phase II workplan was issued on November 10, 2003.

Quaker State is currently completing the soil and groundwater phase of the RFI work plan addendum.

Site Description

Quaker State is located on the south bank of the Ohio River in Hancock County, West Virginia, approximately 1.5 miles SW of Newell, West VA. The Refinery occupies approximately 70 acres, the Ohio River borders the Facility on the North. The Refinery consists of nineteen Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and four non-SWMU Areas of Concern ("AOC"). The RFI will include subsurface investigation at the following SWMUs and AOCs - plant boilers, ketone steam stripper, solvent tank area, satellite storage area, old heat exchanger bundle cleaning pad, tank-bottom disposal area, new heat exchanger cleaner pad/drum cleaning area, old drum storage area, wastewater treatment are, oily wastewater sewer system, tank farm areas and process pipeways.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

Contaminants

Contaminants of concern include benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(ghi)perylene, acetone, arsenic, toluene, methyl ethyl ketone and benzene. The extent of contamination has not been defined, it will be determined if further sampling is needed after EPA completes its review of the Phase 1 RFI Report.

Community Interaction

A public meeting was held on May 6, 1998 at the start of the RFI. Additionally, a Fact Sheet was also prepared at that time to give the community information on the RFI process.

Institutional Controls

No institutional controls are currently in place.

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